IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Bolling et al.
App. No	:	10/686,040
Filed	:	October 15, 2003
For	:	IMPLANTABLE HEART ASSIST SYSTEM AND METHOD OF APPLYING SAME
Examiner	:	Mark Bockelman
Art Unit	:	3766
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action sent electronically on June 25, 2009, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.